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SUBJECT: HERewith SUPPORT CABLE FOR MIDDLE EAST BRIEF OCPAS MEA 90-
233 FOR 05 OCTOBER 1990.

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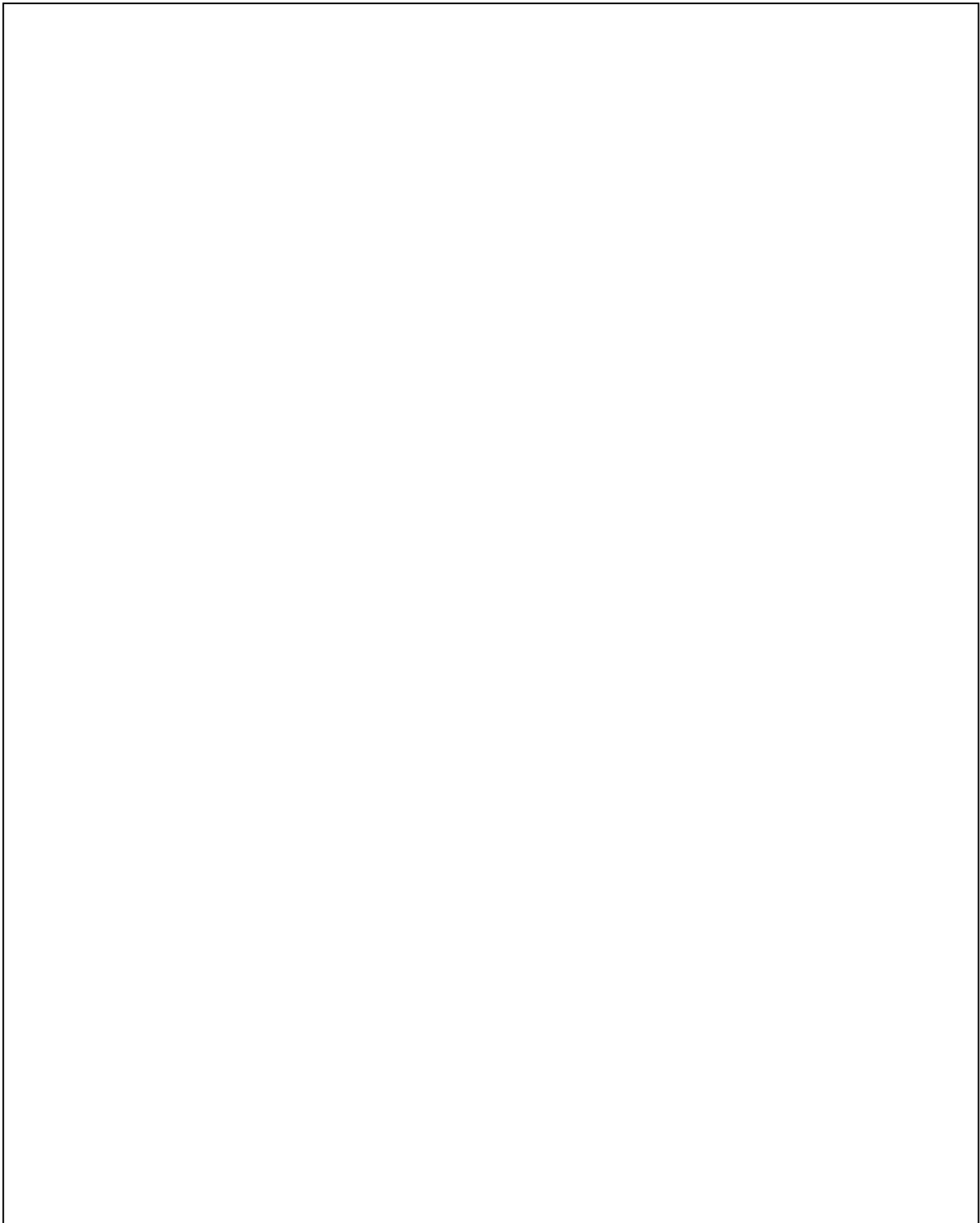
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4. RWANDA: GOVERNMENT KEEPING PRESSURE ON INVADERS [REDACTED]

RWANDA'S AIR AND GROUND FORCES APPEAR TO HAVE SLOWED THE PROGRESS OF TUTSI EXILES INVADING FROM UGANDA. [REDACTED]

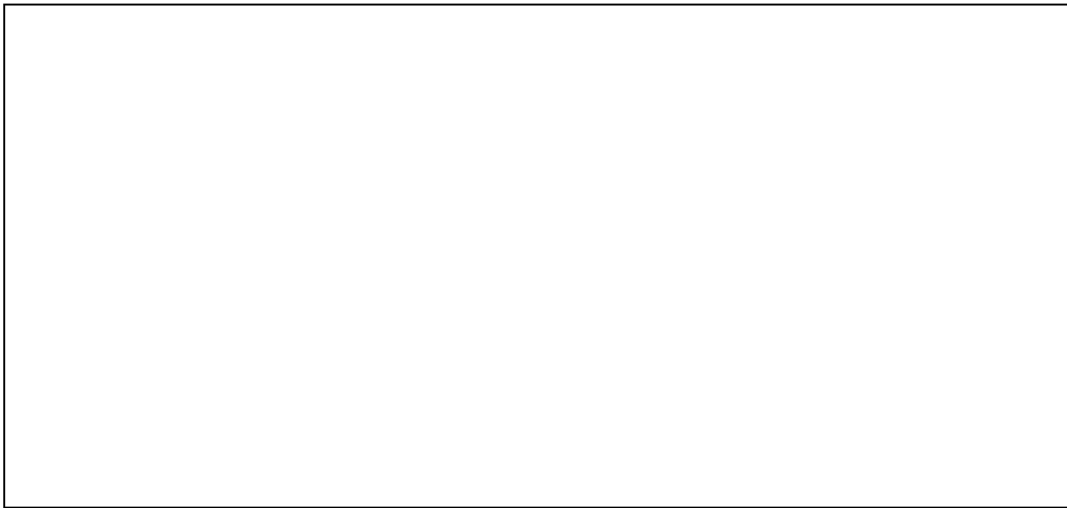
[REDACTED] RWANDAN HELICOPTERS ATTACKED A REBEL SUPPLY COLUMN NEAR GABIRO ON WEDNESDAY, DESTROYING SEVERAL TRUCKS, AND YESTERDAY DESTROYED A COMMUNICATIONS POST AT KAGITUMBA, BOTH IN THE NORTHEAST. GOVERNMENT ARMORED AND PARATROOP BATTALIONS YESTERDAY ATTACKED LEAD ELEMENTS OF THE INVASION FORCE ABOUT 25 KILOMETERS FROM KIGALI, THE CAPITAL, AND RETURNED THERE AFTER DISPERSING THE FORCE INTO SMALL GROUPS NEAR LAKE MUHAZI. BELGIUM AND FRANCE ARE SENDING TROOPS TO KIGALI TO PROTECT THEIR EMBASSIES AND CITIZENS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FRANCE WILL PROVIDE SUPPLIES AND AMMUNITION FOR RWANDA'S FRENCH-MADE HELICOPTERS. [REDACTED]

COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE MAIN INVASION FORCE HAS BEEN SLOWED, SOME REBEL UNITS PROBABLY ARE MOVING TOWARD KIGALI AND THE AIRPORT, WHICH IS IN THEIR PATH. ANY LEAD ELEMENTS THAT REACH THE CAPITAL PROBABLY WILL BE PUSHED BACK BY THE ARMY; ITS SUPERIOR NUMBERS, AIRPOWER, AND FOREIGN SUPPORT PROBABLY WILL ENABLE IT TO EVENTUALLY DEFEAT THE INVADERS. FRANCE, BELGIUM, AND RWANDA'S NEIGHBORS PROBABLY WILL WORK TO STABILIZE THE SITUATION TO PREVENT A WIDER ETHNIC CONFLICT IN THE REGION. [REDACTED]

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